

# Manistee City Planning Commission

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Meeting Minutes

January 8, 1987

The Manistee City Planning Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, January 8th, 1987 at 7:15 P.M. in Room 206, Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Chairman Robert Mattice.

Members Present: P. Erickson, J. Faher, D. Johnson, L. Laskey, W. Linke,  
R. Metcalf, R. Mattice, R. Yoder

Members Absent: A. Slawinski

Others Present: James Gray, Consultant; Jerry Superczynski, City Assessor;  
Paul Burns, City Parks Commission Member.

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from December 4th and 22nd. It was moved by Faher, supported by Yoder, to approve the minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Next, the Historic Overlay District Ordinance was discussed in regards to its current status. It was moved by Faher, supported by Linke, that a final draft of the ordinance be prepared, and submit a copy to City Attorney Hart along with a cover letter, requesting that he make any needed changes before being resubmitted to the City Council. Motion Carried. It was decided that copies of the final draft should also be given to the City Council, Tom Stege and John Willett.

Next the Lakeview Dunes Project was discussed and it was decided to include it in the new Master Plan.

Next, a discussion was held with Paul Burns of the Parks Commission, in regards to their current activity status and the need to update the hastily prepared recreational plan so that work can proceed with beach & park planning and development and the associated grant applications.

Next, discussion was held in regards to grant availability and if anyone in the city government was keeping on top of it. It was considered to ask the City Council for the authority to review all grant availability notices received by the city and for us to report back to them. However, it was felt that for the present time it might be better to set up a grants committee within the Planning Commission to look into the matter before approaching the City Council.

Next, Johnson reported on the Zoning Board of Appeals current inability to act on matters due to a lack of a quorum. Local statutes require that there must be a quorum of four of the five members in order to act. He suggested that we amend the ordinances to allow the appointment of two alternate members to the board, that could act in the absence of a regular member. It was moved by Yoder, supported by Laskey, that an amendment be drafted and approved by the city attorney which would amend the Zoning Board of Appeals statutes to provide for the required quorums for the board's hearings and meetings. Motion Carried.

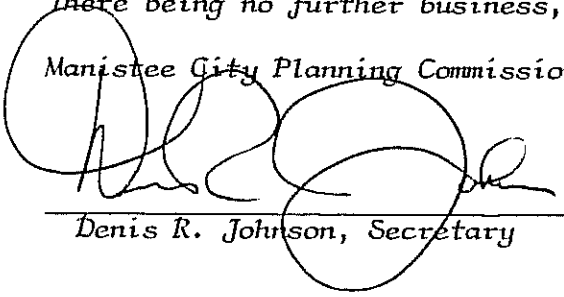
Next, a work session was conducted on the Master Plan. Discussion followed

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between members and Mr. Gray concerning the status of the plan. He indicated that about the only part needing work is the section on goals and objectives. He asked that we have a study/work session in February, other than the regular meeting, where we could work on the goals and objectives. He indicated that rather than have us develop the list, he would make up a list and we could work it over and make needed changes and deletions. He also indicated that his contract with the city provided for copying expenses, but in light of the recent problems, he is hesitant to make any billings to the city. What he needs is to lithograph the maps which will be in the master plan manuals, however, he is unable to do so himself. Therefore, he asked permission from us to bill the city for the expenses involved, which would be approximately \$1800 to \$2000. Chairman Mattice acknowledged Gray's ability to bill for expenses, per the contract, but suggested that before permission is given, a written bid or estimate be supplied. Gray indicated that he would do so. Gray indicated that he would contact the secretary in regards to setting up the work/study session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

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Denis R. Johnson, Secretary